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SOLID STREAM OF PETROLEUM

The Flow of the Beaumont Well Con-
tinues to Grow Stronger Hourly.

TWO HUNDRED FEET IN THE AIR

Is the Oil Forced by the Tremendous
Pressure Under It.

AN ENDEAVOR TO CONTROL THE FLOW

Is to Be Made Today, but Success by Is
No Means Assured.

SYNDICATES ARE NOW BEING ORGANIZED

To Invest in Jefferson County Lands
in the Interior as Well as
at Beaumont.

Beaumont, Texas, January 12.—The
phenomenal oil well discovered by Cap-
tain A. W. Lucas continues to improve
and it seems that all its wonderful qual-
ities have not yet developed. Reports
from the well today and up till late this
afternoon are to the effect that the
stream of oil pouring from the well is
gushing stronger every hour. E. A.
Fletcher, who visited the well today, says
that the sight is simply indescribable.
He says the solid stream of oil is now
shooting twice the height of the derrick.
Other parties arriving from the well
this afternoon report that the stream is
fully 200 feet high and growing stronger.
The oil lake which has formed below the
well has overflowed all the levees and is
being stopped against the Sabine and
East Texas grade. Captain Lucas has
ordered a special train of sand from the
Sabine and East Texas for the purpose of
making a dam at the lower end of the
ravine to prevent the oil from getting
away. Superintendent George De Young
at last reports was endeavoring to se-
cure an engine and train to send after
the sand and it is probable that it will
reach here some time tonight.

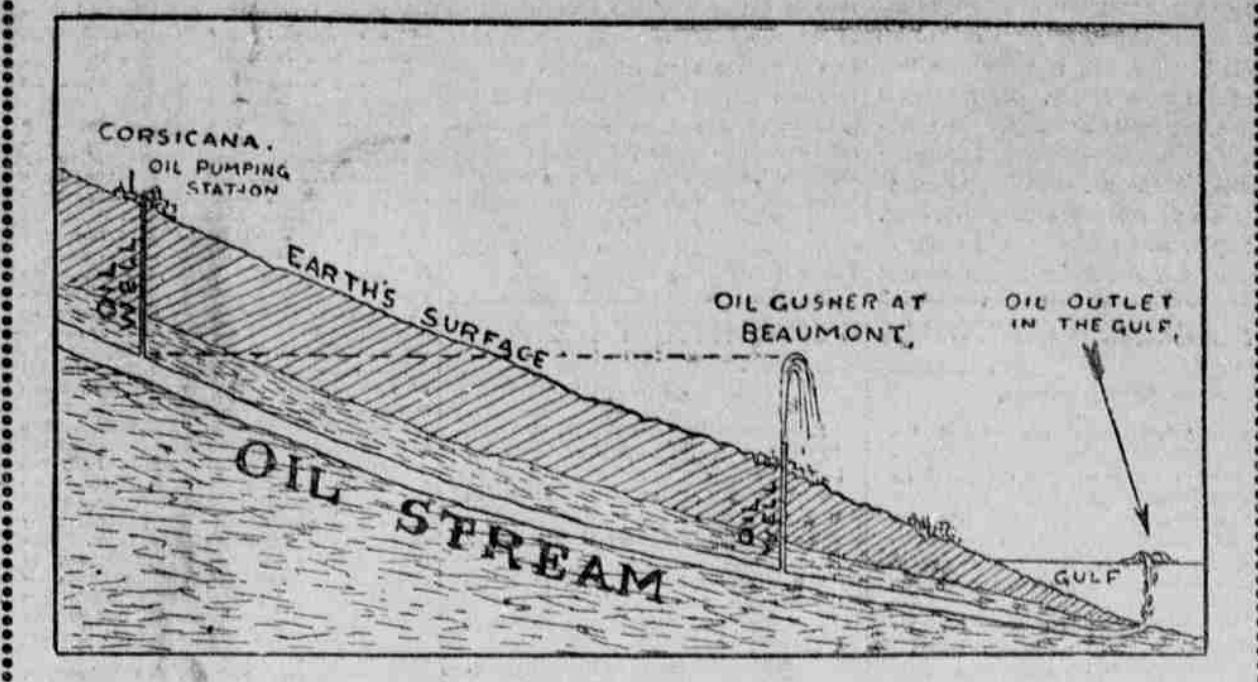
The Post correspondent asked Captain
Lucas this afternoon what steps he would
take toward saving the oil. He replied
that he was securing with all possible
speed a large number of tanks in which
to store the oil. Asked if he had made
any preparations toward shipping it away,
he said he had not, that it would be im-
practical to do this until the quality and
grade of the oil has been determined,
but just as soon as the grade of the oil
has been determined he will prepare to
load in it cars and forward it either to
Sabine Pass or the refineries.

Mr. J. G. Hamill of Corsicana, one of
the contractors who dug the well, ar-
rived in the city this morning and with
him endeavor to stop or control the flow
of the well. Mr. Hamill said this morn-
ing that he was by no means certain he
could control the well, but the effort will
be made.

A syndicate of Beaumont capitalists
was hastily organized yesterday for the
purpose of buying oil lands. The com-
pany is composed of John N. Gilbert, L.
B. Pippin, Will Carroll and C. T. Helms
and the first deal for lands was closed
yesterday afternoon. This was the pur-
chase of a four-fifth undivided interest
in fifteen acres owned by Patillo Higgins
and located only a few hundred yards
from the big geyser. The price paid for
this four-fifth interest was \$5000. The
land lies between the Ingalls property,
which was purchased by Greaves &
Fletcher, and the well. It is the purpose
of these gentlemen to permanently or-
ganize this company when they have an
opportunity and in the meantime they
will secure all the land possible for oil
speculation. It is also probable that they
will drill for oil on their own account.

Mr. J. D. Polk this morning received a
telegram from H. E. Mansfield of Port
Worth in which he states that a syndicate
of Port Worth people has been formed
and that they want to purchase all the
oil land controlled by Mr. Polk. The tele-
gram states that representatives of the
syndicate would arrive in Houston today.
Mr. Polk is non-committal regarding the
probable sale of his lands, but it is not
likely that he will sell out at this time.

THE TEXAS OIL STREAM.



The above drawing was made by the Post's artist from a pencil sketch submitted by Captain Philip H. Fall of Houston. It gives an idea of what is supposed to be the flow of the oil stream from North Texas to the coast, though the descent is more gradual than is indicated by this drawing. Captain Fall thus explains the above sketch of the oil vein flowing to the Gulf of Mexico:
"At Corsicana oil has to be pumped, but at Beaumont, it gushes over one hundred feet high, because, like water, it must find its level. Corsicana, being several hundred feet higher than Beaumont, there is no level above ground for oil to seek, hence, the pumping process to bring it to the surface, while at Beaumont the pressure to reach its level, is inconceivable in force.
"All Texans who have read, to any extent, know that out in the Gulf there are placid waters for miles in the roughest weather, while all around the waves are mountain high, and we know this calm district is caused by oil finding an outlet at the bottom of the Gulf. No doubt this is the vein the Beaumonters have struck and are wild over. My idea is that there were some practical parties to sink an immense iron pipe below the water and into the ground, there would be found a gusher that would supply the world for centuries. No doubt it has bubbled up through the waters for thousands of years, and the billions upon billions of barrels wasted makes me tired to think about. The amount gone to waste would drown half the world in oil."

H. M. Peck, W. H. James, A. Hamilton,
J. S. Cullman, T. J. Woods, H. L. Spikes
and A. Templeton. A. M. Carter, J. F.
Casper and Robert Flournoy of Port
Worth were also among the arrivals to-
day.

These gentlemen immediately upon
their arrival here sought the lively
stables and drove at once to the well.
Samuel M. Jones, the mayor of Toledo,
Ohio, arrived in the city last night from
Corsicana, accompanied by his son, Paul
H. Jones. Although Mr. Jones is famous
throughout the country as a politician and
a man without a party, he is withal a
business man. He is a member of the
Acme Sucker Rod company of Toledo, oil
well suppliers and general engineers,
and, as he says himself, has been in the
oil well business for over thirty-five
years. The Post correspondent met Mr.
Jones this afternoon and found him
pleasantly inclined to talk about the
wonderful well of Captain Lucas.

"I was at Corsicana," said Mr. Jones,
"when the news of the discovery reached
me, and we came to see it. My firm has
branch house in Corsicana and we will
locate one here just as soon as we can
get the supplies here.
"What do I think of the well? It is
undoubtedly the largest in the United
States. It is said that spouting wells
have been found in Russia which flowed
as high as 20,000 or 30,000 barrels per day,
but I never heard of one in this country
equal to this. Yes, I have seen nearly all
the wells in the United States. I was
in Pennsylvania during the big oil ex-
citements there and have also been fa-
miliar with all other fields. My opinion
of this well is best described by a mes-
sage which I sent today to the Western
Oil Men's association of Toledo, as well
as to my firm."

Mr. Jones here turned to the Postal
telegram operator in the Crosby house
and secured a copy of his message, which
reads as follows:
Western Oil Men's Association, Toledo,
Ohio.
Well doing six to eight hundred barrels
per hour. Sulphur oil, heavy gravity.
Samuel M. Jones.

"Please understand," said Mr. Jones,
"that I am not in any way interested in
the development of the oil, nor am I
here to speculate. I came first to see
the well and secondly to establish my
branch house here. This well is certainly
a wonderful thing."

Mr. Jones' estimate of 800 barrels per
hour would put the daily output at 19-
20 barrels, the highest estimate yet
made by any one and substantiating the
estimate made by Colonel W. A. Fletcher
yesterday.
Mr. Jones and his son expect to be here
several days.
Captain Lucas requests The Post cor-
respondent to state that he is in no way
connected with the Standard Oil company.
"My connections are J. M. Guffy and
John H. Galey of Pittsburgh, Pa.," said
Captain Lucas. "It is unnecessary for
me to tell you who these gentlemen are.
I will merely say that we have ample
funds to develop the oil on every foot of
land on which I hold leases. I will state
further that the oil will be developed. It
becomes necessary we will operate a
hundred derricks and the refineries and
pipe lines to take care of the oil will be
built. It is only necessary for you to
print the names of the gentlemen whom
I have designated as my associates and
the oil world will realize that the Beau-
mont field is to be developed and the
product utilized."

Captain Lucas asked also that a cor-
rection be made of the statement that he
had been unsuccessful in his operations
on the Gladys City property. "The first
well I sunk on that property was not a
failure. When I sunk this well I was not
prospecting for oil. I discovered oil, but
the machinery in use was not heavy
enough to develop the find, so I ceased
operations until a more satisfactory rig
could be obtained. Taking the first well
as a guide I bored the well which has
proved such a great success. I made no
failure in my operations on Gladys City
property. The first I sunk will develop
all right, and I see no reason why others
equal to the present spouter should not

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be found in the immediate vicinity. I
want to say further that if it had not
been for the fairness and generosity of
the owners of Gladys City property, I
might have never discovered what they
have named the 'Lucas Oil Geyser'. They
have been exceedingly liberal with me,
especially Mr. George W. Carroll and
Captain G. W. O'Brien, and the demon-
stration that their confidence and gener-
osity was not misplaced is indeed grati-
fying to me, who was the recipient.

he is operating with an independent and
wealthy concern, adds to the value of his
discovery and is assurance that the de-
velopment of the Beaumont oil fields will
continue and that the whole country will
profit from the industry.

In making inquiries into previous in-
vestigation of the oil prospects in South-
east Texas, The Post correspondent found
a published letter which is interesting.
It was written by H. T. Cavanaugh, M. D.,
D. D., under date of Houston, January 9,
1898, and published in the Beaumont
Landmark of January 18, 1898, just
twenty-three years ago. The four wells
south of Beaumont mentioned in the let-
ter is the point where the Lucas geyser
is now spouting petroleum oil more than
100 feet into the air. The letter follows:
I found the discovery of large quantities
of petroleum in Western Pennsylvania
and Virginia. I happened to be on a visit
to Cincinnati, in 1885, where I was with
a number of gentlemen deeply interested
in the subject, among whom was my
brother, Rev. W. Kavanaugh, who had
instruments by which to find and trace
veins of coal oil, or any other subter-
ranean substances; and, finding that the
tools worked very freely in my hands, I
procured a set and brought them to Texas
with a view of prospecting for petroleum
in this State.

I first stopped in Marshall, where I re-
mained a year. Having leisure, I pro-
ceeded some on Red river and the upper
Sabine. I found small veins in various
places, ranging from a few inches to
feet, knowing that there were fine veins in
the Indian Nation, I crossed over to that
range of country and struck large veins on the
upper waters of the Sabine, and found
they had a uniform bearing from north-
west to southeast, in the direction of the
mouth of Sabine river—Sabine Pass.
I traced these veins for about 300 miles,
finding a number of places where the oil
came up through the earth to the surface,
but not in sufficient quantities to
justify the working. With my instruments
I located two points in Asaphrobes
county where oil would be found at about
twenty-four feet. Boring was done at
both places and oil was found, but the
supply was too small to justify working.
I have no doubt but that more could have
been found by going deeper.

In August, 1898, I reached Beaumont,
on my line southeast. Here I found some
fine veins; one passing under the four
wells some mile or two southeast of
Beaumont. I also visited Bay Lake,
where I found oil upon the surface in
greater quantities than at any other
point. By examination I found two large
veins passing under the lake from north-
west to southeast, and two others cross-
ing them at right angles, under the lake.
I sought the privilege from the land own-
ers to bore for oil near the lake, but no
such privilege could be obtained. I then
traced one of these veins a half mile fur-
ther eastward, to other lands, and bored
200-250 feet, when the quicksand be-
came so troublesome that we could pro-
ceed no further without a greater outlay
of money than I was able to meet; so
I abandoned the enterprise as other du-
ties demanded my attention.

From information, mostly obtained
from Captain Clements, near Sour Lake,
an old sea captain, added to what I al-
ready knew of the range of petroleum
veins reaching from the Indian Nation to
the Gulf, I formed the opinion that there
is a perpetual flow of oil from the north-
west—may be from the Rocky mountains
—down through Texas, the lower part
confined mostly to the Neches valley. It
reaches the Gulf near Sabine Pass, where

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A BILL INTRODUCED

By Congressman Burleson for the Im-
provement of the Brazos River

AS FAR AS OLD WASHINGTON,

It Carries with It an Appropriation of
\$225,000.

THE GOOD FORTUNE OF MR. ODELL.

Carried Off Honors at Law School and Will
Enter Texas Firm.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

Has Recommended an Appropriation
of \$25,000 for Restoration of San
Jacinto Batteries.

(Special to The Post.)
Washington, January 12.—Congressman
Burleson has introduced a bill to appro-
priate \$225,000 to improve the Brazos
river from its mouth to Old Washington,
according to Captain Hiche's report along
these lines. The report from that en-
gineer officer on the Brazos river is that
Old Washington to Waco has not yet been
transmitted to congress and will not be
for several weeks. The delay has been
caused by the frequent changes in the river
and the consequent difficulty in survey-
ing that part of the stream with refer-
ence to locks and dams. As soon as the
report is filed, either Mr. Henry or Mr.
Burleson will introduce a bill to cover
the recommendation and push both bills
before the senate commerce committee,
and they hope to have the Brazos river
reopened in the present river and har-
bors bill.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.

Official information has reached the
state department to the effect that the
Hay-Pauncefote treaty, as amended by
the United States senate, is now under
consideration by the British cabinet of-
ficials with a view to finally determining
whether the instrument in its amended
form shall be agreed to or not. Beyond
the fact that the document itself is now
before the officials for final action, the
state department is not advised and there
is no information at hand as to the prob-
able result of the conference now going
on. That it is actually taken up gives
promise that an answer may be given
which will be speedily forthcoming and
that there will be no long drawn out de-
lay over the negotiations.
The fact that the treaty is now being
actively considered in London naturally
has excited much speculation as to the
final outcome, but the state department
is unable to confirm any of the rumors
as to probable acceptance. There is quite
the prevailing feeling, however, that
it will be accepted, and it is probable
that the recent cabinet of officials, that
the indications are favorable to an ac-
ceptance. It was pointed out in this con-
nection by an official that if a rejection
was contemplated it probably would have
been made at once, whereas the delay of
about two weeks since the amended
treaty reached the London foreign of-
fice gave evidence that there was a de-
sire on the part of the cabinet officials
there to consider the matter with much
deliberation in the hope of bringing the
two governments into agreement.

MR. ODELL'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Mr. William Odell, who has been sec-
retary to Senator Culberson since his
election, told The Post correspondent to-
day that he would leave tomorrow for
his home in Cleburne, Texas, to enter the
law firm of Ramsey & Odell as a partner.
Mr. Odell graduated in the Georgetown
law school here last spring and cap-
tured nearly all the honors. When the
offer to enter the firm, of which his
brother, State Senator Odell, is a mem-
ber, came to the young man, Senator
Culberson, who is both a lawyer and a
services of Mr. Odell, insisted that he
could not afford to refuse such an ex-
cellent opening for a young lawyer, and re-
luctantly let him go.

Mr. A. J. Chonon of Jefferson will take
the place of Mr. Odell as secretary to
Senator Culberson.

APPROPRIATION FOR BATTERIES.

The secretary of the treasury has re-
commended an appropriation of \$25,000 for
the restoration of the batteries at Fort
San Jacinto, at Galveston, destroyed by
the great storm of September 8, and also
an appropriation of \$500 to reimburse Mr.
Culberson, the lighthouse keeper at Gal-
veston point, who lost his all in the same
storm.

TO FLIGHT CULBERSON'S BILL.

Governor Otero of New Mexico is here
to fight the bill introduced by Senator
Culberson to erect an international dam
at El Paso. That bill has been resented
favorably by the committee on foreign
relations and is now on the senate sched-
dar.

HAY HAS RECOVERED.

Secretary Hay transacted considerable
business at his home today, but as there
was nothing of pressing need requiring
his presence at the state department he
did not resume his official duties there.
He appears to be quite recovered from
his recent ailment.

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